

Pharmacy Syringe Access (March 19, 2012)

Effective January 1, 2012, any pharmacy in the state may provide nonprescription sale of syringe (NPSS), and may sell up to 30 syringes at a time to adults ages 18 and older. Many pharmacies are still learning about this change in law, and have not yet started providing NPSS, which is optional. However, over 600 pharmacies statewide participated in the pilot program, the Disease Prevention Demonstration Project, which allowed pharmacies to sell syringes over-the-counter in cities and counties that authorized participation. Most of these pharmacies are currently providing NPSS.

In San Francisco, all Walgreens are participating in the program. In Los Angeles, Helpstopaids.com has information on participating pharmacies.

In other counties, information on participating pharmacies is available through health department websites, or by phone through the list below.

Nonprescription Pharmacy Sale of Syringes

| County/City | Lists of Pharmacies Participating in Pilot |
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| Alameda | Please call 510-268-7647 |
| Contra Costa | Contra Costa Pharmacy Syringe Sales |
| City of Long Beach | Long Beach Participating Pharmacies |
| Humboldt | Please call 707-441-5074 |
| Los Angeles | Help Stop AIDS |
| Marin | Marin Participating Pharmacies |
| City of Sacramento | Sacramento Participating Pharmacies |
| San Francisco | SF Syringe Access & Disposal Pharmacies |
| San Mateo | San Mateo DPDP |
| Santa Barbara | Santa Barbara County Participating Pharmacies |
| Santa Clara | Santa Clara Registered Pharmacies |
| Santa Cruz | Please call 831-454-4313 |
| Solano | Please call (707) 553-5557 |
| Sonoma | Sonoma Registered Pharmacies |
| Yolo | Please call 530-666-8694 |
| Yuba | Please call 530-749-6435 |

Syringe Exchange Services in California

Currently there are almost 40 programs in California which provide syringe exchange services. Many have fixed locations, but others operate at various locations and times throughout the week. In addition to the program listing provided below, the following link provides information on syringe exchange sites and times in Northern California: [San Francisco Bay Area Wide Syringe Exchange List](#).

Syringe exchange hours and locations in Los Angeles can be found by calling the toll-free needle exchange line, at **888-LANEX85**. For information for other areas, and for the most up-to-date information on programs in the Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay Area, contact the programs listed below.

California Syringe Exchange Programs

| County | Program | City | Phone |
|---------|---|----------|--------------|
| Alameda | Needle Exchange Emergency Distribution (NEED) | Berkeley | 510-984-2316 |
| Alameda | HIV Education & Prevention Project of Alameda County (HEPPAC) | Oakland | 510-434-0307 |

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| Alameda | Points of Distribution | Oakland | 510-654-1636 |
| Alameda | Tri-City Health Center | Fremont | 510-713-6690 |
| Contra Costa | Richmond Exchange Works | Point Richmond | 510-236-8122 |
| Fresno | Fresno Needle Exchange | Fresno | 559-412-6226 |
| Humboldt | Redwoods Rural Health Center | Redway | 707-923-2783 |
| Humboldt | United Indian Health Services | Arcata | 707-825-5070 |
| Humboldt | Mobile Medical Office | Eureka | 707-443-4666 |
| Lake | Any Positive Change | Lower Lake | 707-993-2932 |
| Los Angeles | Common Ground | Santa Monica | 310-314-5480 |
| Los Angeles | Clean Needles Now | Los Angeles | 323-857-5846 |
| Los Angeles | Bienestar Human Services Program | Los Angeles | 323-727-7896 |
| Los Angeles | Asian American Drug Abuse Program | Los Angeles | 323-293-6284 |
| Los Angeles | Tarzana Treatment Center, Inc. | Reseda | 818-342-5897 |
| Los Angeles | Homeless Health Care Los Angeles | Los Angeles | 213-744-0724 |
| Marin | Marin AIDS Project | San Rafael | 415-457-2487 |
| Mendocino | Mendocino County AIDS Volunteer Network (MCAVN) | Ukiah | 707-462-1932 |
| Monterey | Monterey County Needle Exchange Program | Salinas | 831-784-6969 |
| Sacramento/ Yolo County | Harm Reduction Services | Sacramento | 916-456-4849 |
| Sacramento/ Yolo County | Safer Alternatives Through Networking and Education (SANE) | Sacramento | 916-397-2434 |
| San Diego | Family Health Centers of San Diego, HIV Prevention Center | San Diego | 619-515-2300 |
| San Francisco | Tenderloin Health | San Francisco | 415-437-2900 |
| San Francisco | San Francisco Needle Exchange (SFNE) | San Francisco | 415-630-0744 |
| San Francisco | SFAF Prevention Project | San Francisco | 415-241-5100 |
| San Francisco | St. James Infirmary | San Francisco | 415-554-8494 |
| San Luis Obispo | San Luis Obispo Syringe Exchange Program/SLO Bangers | San Luis Obispo | 805-781-5540 |
| San Mateo | NIGHT Program | San Mateo | 650-573-2141 |
| San Mateo | AIDS Prevention Action Network (APAN) / San Andreas Needle Exchange | Redwood City | 650-369-0330 |
| San Mateo | ACRC Syringe Access Program (ASAP) | Redwood City | 650-364-6563 |
| San Mateo | Free At Last | East Palo Alto | 650-462-6999 |
| Santa Barbara | Pacific Pride Foundation / The Right Outfit | Santa Barbara | 805-963-3636 |
| Santa Clara | HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Program | San Jose | 408-494-7893 |
| Santa Cruz | Street Outreach Supporters | Santa Cruz | 831-239-0657 |
| Shasta | Shasta County Needle Exchange Program | Redding | 530-225-5298 |
| Sonoma | Drug Abuse Alternative Center (DAAC) | Santa Rosa | 707-544-3295 |
| Ventura | Ventura County Rainbow Alliance - Syringe Replacement Program | Ventura | 805-339-6340 |
| Yolo | See Sacramento | | |